fulla of CIWTC grounded at 14.30 hrs. on 5th October 1989 near Sultanganj.

(b) As soon as the information was received in the Patna Office, a pusher tug was prepared by Director, Patna and despatched to the place of grounding on the 7th October, 1989 which had reached Sultanganj on the 9th October, 1989. A Senior Hydrographic Surveyor, well expereienced in riverine works, had accompanied the tug to assist in the salvage operation.

The Director, IWAI, Patna who had availed of leave during 7th to 16th October, 1989 had applied for the same much earlier and it is with the prior sanction of the competent authority that he had proceeded on leave on 7th October, 1989. In his absence, the Deputy Director, who was also an experitnced Officer was incharge of the office. On return from leave Director, IWAI Patna had also visited the site and guided the operations.

(c) Consequent upon the efforts made to refloat the vessel and salvaging the vessel, it had been brought to the main channel. The total amount of expenditure incurred by the IWAI in dredging and subsequent pumping operation including running expenditure of the vessel, salary of the crew, expenses on conducting hydrographic survey TA, DA to the officers and that by CIWTC for the payment made to the salvage contractor, amounted to about Rs 5 lakhs.

(d) The salvage operations have been undertaken by various methods to refloat the vessel.

As for the circumstances that led to the grounding of the vessel a detailed enquiry has been taken up by IWAI.

Registration of FIRs in Delhi

3206. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Police Stations in Delhi do not register FIRs if the offence committed does not fall in their area/jurisdiction;

(b) whether any instructions have been given to them to register such FIRs even if the offence is committed in other areas;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an incident as reported in the Patriot, dated the 26th June, 1990 where complaint had approached the Supreme Court to get necessary help as the police failed to register the FIRs;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken in the matter against police officers who failed in their duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Delhi Police issued instructions in this regard in August 1988, emphasising once again that it is obligatory on the part of SHOs/Duty Officers of all Polce Stations to register a case at their Police Station irrespective of the place of occurrence of the incident. Thereafter, the SHO or the other staff should arrange to transfer the FIR to the concerned Police Station immediately and also inform the complainant.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) Information is being collected.

Creation of Posts at Gurgaon Head Post Office

3207. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create more posts of Postmen at Gurgaon Head Post Office as there is acute shortage of postmen in the said post office and the dak is not delivered in time; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS